

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.1
IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER,
STATE OF COLORADO

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
PROCESS FOR NORTHWEST DENVER

WHEREAS, the Denver Public Schools is dedicated to improving student achievement and parent engagement in the district;

WHEREAS, the Denver Plan is a dynamic and important roadmap for implementation of these goals that calls for consideration of the needs of each region in the district including the specific and unique needs of Northwest Denver;

WHEREAS, the Denver Public Schools reaffirms its commitment to the spirit and letter of the Colorado Charter Act and must act upon a new school application within 75 days;

WHEREAS, the Denver Public Schools reaffirms its commitment to provide workshops and development of new schools in Northwest Denver;

WHEREAS, the Denver Public Schools reaffirms its commitment to the spirit and letter of the Colorado School Innovation Act to provide an avenue for schools to seek autonomy and innovation with regard the district policies, state statutes, and contract provisions;

WHEREAS, the Denver Public Schools reaffirms its commitment to turnaround strategies for the lowest performing schools in Northwest Denver;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby directs the Superintendent to implement strategies, procedures, and practices that will focus on the study of alignment of its school offerings in Northwest Denver from preschool to post-secondary options;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby directs the Superintendent to implement strategies in conjunction with the community of Northwest Denver to ensure coordination within the Denver Public Schools for all efforts to affect this alignment study and to implement a complete community driven process;

BE IT RESOLVED, that this calendar year, the Superintendent will work through a community driven committee similar to the Far Northeast Community Committee to implement a community engagement process to strengthen the preschool through post-secondary alignment of all schools in Northwest Denver in order to bring new schools and turnaround strategies to the schools in Northwest Denver;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Denver Public Schools recognizes and will work with existing community groups and leaders to develop a committee truly representative of the diverse views and interests of northwest Denver stakeholders. Most of these representatives will be parents and other caregivers of current students in NW Denver schools, teachers, and principals;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Denver Public Schools will seek to have the work of this committee be completed by the Fall of 2011;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Denver Public Schools will not add any additional seats in Northwest Denver for the 2011-2012 school year in order to allow the community to fully participate in and shape the decisions impacting its schools.

Nate Easley, Jr. Ph.D, President

Jeanne S. Kaplan, Secretary